

Village of Lansing

MINUTES of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lansing held on Monday, November 5, 2018, in the Village Office.

PRESENT: Mayor Donald Hartill; Trustees, Ronny Hardaway, Gerry Monaghan and John O'Neill; Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Dake; Attorney William Troy; Planning Board Member Carolyn Greenwald. There were 3 additional people in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Hartill called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7:34pm. The Mayor opened the public comment period. Carolyn Greenwald stated that she is embarrassed as a Planning Board member of the entrance to Shannon Park. The trees were cut down when they were in full bloom. Now it is a pile of weeds and trees were not replanted. She feels the Village should have waited until the other trees were in before removing the old trees. Monaghan stated that he had spoken with Supt. of Public Works, Courtney, and he stated that they received seven tree specimens and rejected four of them. They can't plant just three so they were waiting till the end of summer. Monaghan agreed that the trees should not have been removed until the replacement trees were available. Greenwald stated that the trees that were there flower and are beautiful for five days. The highway department could have at least waited until they were done blooming to remove them. Hartill stated that at least we don't have any potholes in our roads. Greenwald feels that there should be better planning and this should be a lesson learned. The boulevard looks bad. In the future we should wait to remove the old trees until we are ready to plant the new ones.

Motion - To Close the Public Comment Period

Trustee Monaghan made a motion to close the public comment period.
Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The next item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from October 1st and 11th. Dake stated that they needed to be voted on separately since O'Neill was not at the October 11th meeting. Dake asked if the historian item had been resolved. At the October 1st meeting the Board voted to appoint Gerry Monaghan as the Village Historian. Back on 1/5/15, Louis Bement, Town of Lansing Historian, gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees. She stated that every town in New York has to have a historian; it is not required at the Village level. Her archives include Village information which Monaghan has already been working on with her. Since a Village historian is not a requirement and is currently done at the Town level, it was decided to remove that resolution appointing a

Village Historian. Monaghan stated that he has been helping the Town and would prefer to have Louis Bement at the Town of Lansing be the historian. Louis Bement does a great job!

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of October 1, 2018 with an Amendment to Remove the Resolution Appointing a Village Historian

Trustee Hardaway moved to approve the minutes as amended. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Motion- To Approve the Minutes of October 11, 2018

Trustee Monaghan moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Hardaway seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Abstain

Unpaid Taxes to Tompkins County

Dake explained that every year the Village taxes that are unpaid get turned over to Tompkins County for collection. They are relieved on the Town & County Tax Bill, and the County reimburses the Village in the spring. There are 16 unpaid bills totaling \$5,044.06 plus 8% penalties of \$403.52.

Resolution #6523-To Forward the Delinquent Village Taxes in the Amount of \$5,447.58 to Tompkins County

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolution. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

The Board approved the returned Village taxes that will be sent to Tompkins County and the Board members signed the Certificate of Trustees.

The next item on the agenda was to reappoint Hardaway to the Tompkins County Youth Services Board.

Resolution #6524 -To Reappoint Ronny Hardaway to Tompkins County Youth Services Board for a 3-year Term

Trustee O'Neill moved this resolution. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

There has been a request from Vickie & Rahn Pitzer of 1 Highgate Circle to get a refund on the sewer portion of their \$658.09 October Water/Sewer Bill. Bolton Point found their hose bib was open for 3 days. Bolton Point has provided a usage graph from that three day period. Since the water went into the yard and not the sewer system they are requesting that we waive the excess amount charged for that period. Dake sent the Village of Cayuga Heights a copy of the meter readings and ledger from the last few years and requested that a portion be waived. They will be discussing it at their Board meeting and will get back to her. Dake asked if the Board would consider waiving the Village of Lansing share of the sewer.

Resolution #6525- To Waive Excess Sewer Fee for Account N1783 Resulting From Open Hose Bib

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolution. Trustee O'Neill seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye	Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye	Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Dake provided the Board with information on Hatfield's health insurance that changed from single with children to family. Hatfield added his new wife to his insurance which he thought would start November 1st. Geoff Wright from our insurance company wrote a letter that was sent along with the paperwork he received to add his wife that stated that it would have a start date of their date of marriage. Since both Nolan and Dake were under the impression that it would not start until November because he didn't apply until October, there was no increase in premium taken from his paycheck. To catch him up by the end of 2018 it would mean that an additional \$73.30 would have to be taken out of his biweekly paycheck. Since Nolan claims this would be a financial difficulty, he would like the Board to consider letting him wait to pay this additional \$293.20 back starting in January when his premium will be lower due to switching to coverage under the Tompkins County Consortium.

Resolution #6526-To Allow Hatfield to Repay the \$293.20 Difference in Insurance Coverage from Switching to Family Starting in January 2019

Trustee Hardaway moved this resolution. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Donald Hartill-Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway-Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Hartill stated that he had a sewer meeting this afternoon. The rest of the group of six now agrees that controlling Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) is the only solution. There will be new flow meters that communicate to a central site so they can be monitored and the holes in the sewer system can be fixed. Other municipalities are realizing that they have an I&I problem. Currently a portion of sewage is diverted from the Village of Cayuga Heights Plant to the Ithaca Area Plant via the Kline Road Bypass. The Village of Lansing paid for the Kline Road Bypass and was supposed to be reimbursed by a grant. However that referendum failed so the Village of Lansing was stuck holding the bill. The Kline Road Bypass has enabled us to have sewer units for the last 10 years. Edelman's donated part of their property to the Village because they were unable to develop it because of the sewer moratorium. Back then to get sewer units we had to show that we did repairs that removed 900 gallons of I&I a day to get 1 unit. Since then we have been very careful. Our system is one of the tightest in the county. We currently have two areas on concern in the Village that we are repairing. One is in the Pizza Hut area. The Village of Lansing is the biggest user followed by the Town of Ithaca. Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) owns the plant. We are facing a 10% increase in our sewer rates because VCH has taken out a bond to fix deferred maintenance. We all need to be more careful because we are right at the limit for these plants as far as NYSDEC is concerned. Also, Cynthia, one of the City Council Members stated that we have to control sprawl. The group of six has agreed to meet every quarter to make sure progress is happening. The Village is about to participate in a sewer expansion to the Town of Lansing. Other large developments in the Village are at risk.

Hardaway asked about the accuracy of the metering systems between the towns. Hartill stated that you have flow meters that plug up and they need to be maintained. There is new technology with a laser system that can be installed in any manhole that is very attractive. Hartill is looking into this with Courtney. Another question is can we be part of the monitor system that goes along with Bolton Point so we could have a consistent system for all. Hartill stated that at the Ithaca treatment plant they turn on pumps and force sewage back out into the pipes and use this as storage. You can only do that so much.

Hardaway reported that the Youth Services Board is going to put together a 10 minute presentation to give to those that don't understand what the Youth Services Board does. They deal with service providers and services for the youth. They will also be starting topical issues in their quarterly newsletters. The first article will be on bullying. Amy Hendrix has moved to a new county position. Bridget Nugent is the assistant director and is filling it temporarily. They are currently doing interviews.

Motion to Adjourn

Trustee O'Neill moved to adjourn. Trustee Monaghan seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Mayor Don Hartill – Aye
Trustee Gerry Monaghan– Aye
Trustee John O'Neill-Aye

Trustee Ronny Hardaway – Aye
Trustee Patricia O'Rourke – Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer